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APPLICANTS: BRUNNER ET AL-1

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EXAMINER: M. SONG

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR THE WET CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

MAIL STOP: FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O.Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated DECEMBER 16, 2003, for three months, from MARCH 16, 2004 to JUNE 16, 2004. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

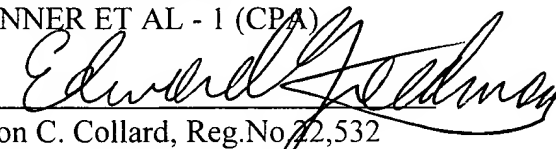
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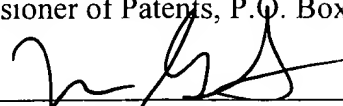
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Enclosure: Check in the amount of \$950.00

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 16, 2004.


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